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MORNING PRAYER.

¶ *The ſervice ſhall be the ſame with the uſual office for holy-days, except where it is in this office otherwiſe appointed.*

¶ *Let him that miniſtereth read with a loud voice theſe Sentences of Scripture; and after them the Exhortation,* Dearly beloved brethren, &c.

O PRAISE the Lord, for it is a good thing to ſing praiſes unto our God; yea, a joyful and pleaſant thing it is to be thankful. Pſ. cxlvii. 1.

Give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his name; tell the people what things he hath done. Pſ. cv. 1.

Let them give thanks whom the Lord hath redeemed, and delivered from the hand of the enemy. Pſ. cvii. 2.

¶ *Inſtead of the* Venite exultemus.

THE Lord is my ſtrength and my ſong; and he is become my ſalvation. Exod. xv. 2.

The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is his name. Exod. xv. 3.

Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power: Thy right hand, O Lord, hath daſhed in pieces the enemy. Exod. xv. 6.

The enemy ſaid, I will draw my ſword, my hand ſhall deſtroy; my luſt ſhall be ſatisfied upon them. Exod. xv. 9.

The depths have covered them—they ſank as lead in the mighty waters. Exod. xv. 5 & 10.

Why boaſteſt thou thyſelf, thou tyrant, that thou canſt do miſchief: whereas the goodneſs of God endureth yet daily. Pſ. lii. 1, 2.

Talk no more ſo exceeding proudly: let not arrogancy come out of your mouth. 1 Sam. ii. 3.

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For the Lord is a God of knowledge: and by him actions are weighed. 1 Sam. ii. 3.

Great is our Lord, and great is his power: yea, and his wiſdom is infinite. Pſ. cxlvii. 5.

My mouth is enlarged over mine enemies: becauſe I rejoice in thy ſalvation. 1 Sam ii. 1.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghoſt:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever ſhall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Proper Pſalms,* XXXIII, *and* CIII.

Firſt Leſſon, Iſaiah XXXVII, *verſe* 21 *to the end.*

"Then Iſaiah the ſon of Amos," &c.

¶ *After the firſt Leſſon, ſhall follow* Te Deum laudamus, *in* Engliſh.

Second Leſſon, St. Luke XII, *verſe* 4—9.

"I ſay unto you, my friend," &c.

¶ *Then* Jubilate, *the Creed, &c. to the end of the Lord's Prayer.*

¶ *Then the Prieſt, ſtanding up, ſhall ay,*

Prieſt. O Lord, ſhew thy mercy upon us,
Anſw. And grant us thy ſalvation.
Prieſt. O Lord, ſave the King!
Anſw. Who putteth his truſt in Thee.
Prieſt. Send him help from thy holy place,
Anſw. And evermore mightily defend him.
Prieſt. Let his enemies have no advantage againſt him,
Anſw. Let not the wicked approach to hurt him.
Prieſt. O Lord, ſave thy people,
Anſw. And bleſs thine inheritance,
Prieſt. Give peace in our time, O Lord,
Anſw. And make thy choſen people joyful.

¶ *Inſtead of the firſt Collect for Morning Prayer, ſhall be uſed theſe two which follow.*

O MOST merciful Lord God, who haſt enabled us repeatedly to prevail over our enemies in the dreadful day of battle; to Thee there is no reſtraint to ſave by many or by few! Thou, O Lord, giveſt power to the

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the faint; and to them, who have no might, Thou increaſeſt ſtrength! Vouchſafe to us, we beſeech Thee, ſuch further ſuccour and ſupport, in the maintenance of our juſt rights, and of the profeſſion of Thy true Religion, that both may be effectually ſecured. And aſſiſt us ſo to conduct our lives, that, having experienced Thy loving kindneſs in this world, we may be partakers alſo of Thy mercies in the world to come, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD God of our ſalvation, with whom is power and might, which none is able to withſtand; Who didſt wonderfully ſtrengthen the hand of Thy ſervant David to overthrow, and to deſpoil of the arms in which they truſted, great and numerous hoſts of the Syrians, of the Moabites, the Ammonites, and the Philiſtines, and didſt permit the ſpears, and the bucklers, and the ſhields, to be laid up in Thy holy temple at Jeruſalem; We beſeech Thee with Thy favour to regard Thy ſervant our Sovereign, who this day preſumes to depoſit, * in the cathedral church of the metropolis, the Banners taken from the vanquiſhed enemy; not in the vain ſpirit of triumph in his own ſtrength, but to be a laſting monument to poſterity of Thy goodneſs to him, and to the people of this land. Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name, throughout all ages, be the praiſe, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then ſhall follow the* ſecond *and* third *collects at* Morning Prayer, *and the* Litany; *and immediately after the prayer* We humbly beſeech Thee, *ſhall the following be added:*

¶ *In the Time of War and Tumults.*

O ALMIGHTY God, King of all kings, and Governor of all things, whoſe power no creature is able to reſiſt, to whom it belongeth juſtly to puniſh ſinners, and to be merciful to them that truly repent; ſave and deliver us, we humbly beſeech Thee, from the hands of our enemies; abate their pride, aſſwage their malice, and confound their devices; that we being armed with Thy defence, may be preſerved evermore from all perils, to

* In the Cathedral Church of St. Paul's, the words "*in this houſe, dedicated to Thy worſhip,*" are to be uſed.

to glorify Thee, who art the only giver of all victory, thro' the merits of Thy only Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *A Prayer for the Safety of our Fleets.*

O ETERNAL Lord God, whoſe voice, mighty in operation, the raging ſeas and the ſtormy winds obey; who haſt compaſſed the ocean with its bounds, ſaying, "Hitherto thou ſhalt come, but no further, and "here ſhall thy proud waves be ſtayed;" O God, who, in Thy mercy, guideſt the mariner in ſafety through the trackleſs deep; receive, we beſeech Thee, into Thy gracious and Almighty protection, the fleets of Thy ſervant our Sovereign, the veſſels of our merchants, and the perſons of all thoſe who ſerve in them. Preſerve them from the perils of the ſeas, from the efforts of the enemy, and from the danger of diſeaſe in diſtant climates; that they may return in ſafety, and crowned, if it be Thy good pleaſure, with ſucceſs in their enterprizes, either of juſt and neceſſary war, or of lawful commerce, to enjoy the bleſſings of their native land; and, with thankful remembrance of all Thy mercies, to unite with us in rendering praiſe and glory to Thy holy name, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Then the Prayer for the High Court of Parliament;—the General Thankſgiving;—then as follows:

O GOD, our defence and ſtrength, the helper of all who put their truſt in Thee, who alone giveſt victory unto kings, and ſaveſt Thy ſervants from the peril of the ſword; we acknowledge it to have been of Thy unſpeakable goodneſs, not of our merit, that, in numberleſs inſtances, many of which our eyes have witneſſed, Thy arm ſtretched out in time of danger, hath wrought deliverance for this land. But more eſpecially at this time we are bound to praiſe Thee, for that of late Thou haſt ſo oft vouchſafed to bleſs the arms of our Sovereign with ſucceſs, in the diſcomfiture of numerous hoſts of confederate and mighty foes, enemies to Thy name, and to our peace.

Continue, we beſeech Thee, O Lord, to go forth with our fleets and armies. Inſpire, as hitherto Thou haſt done, the leaders with wiſdom and courage, and the men with intrepidity. Support them in the hour

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of danger with the recollection, that the battle is for more than gain or glory—for religion and for public liberty, for the independence of their country, for the rights of civil ſociety, for the maintenance of every ordinance, divine and human, eſſential to the well-being of man. And for thoſe, whom in this righteous cauſe Thy Providence permits to fall, receive, we pray Thee, their ſouls to Thy mercy; and be Thou, O Lord, the friend and the father of their widows and their orphans.

Fill the hearts of us, who live to taſte Thy goodneſs here, with the devouteſt gratitude to Thee. Unite us in zeal for Thy truth, in loyalty to the King, and in the bonds of brotherly love and charity one towards another. Eſpecially give us grace to be not elated with proſperity, but in the ſeaſon of triumph, no leſs than in adverſity, to look up to Thee, and to walk humbly with our God. And, if it be Thy gracious will, grant that the heart of the enemy may be ſoftened by defeat, touched with remorſe and penitence, and brought back to the acknowledgment of Thy divine Providence; that ſo, they may henceforth deſiſt from the purſuits of unjuſt ambition, and, all nations in meekneſs ſubmitting to the guidance of Thy holy law, the world may be delivered, by Thy mercy, from the ſcourge of war and of civil inſurrection: That we of this land, and all Thy people, may, as we are moſt bounden, give Thee thanks and praiſe for ever, through Jeſus Chriſt thine only Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then read to the End of the Morning Prayer as uſual.*

COMMUNION SERVICE.

¶ *After the Prayer for the King* [Almighty God, whoſe kingdom is everlaſting, *&c.*] *ſhall be read the firſt of the two collects of the day,* " O moſt merciful Lord God;" *and then ſhall follow*

¶ *The Epiſtle.* Philippians IV. *Verſe* 4 *to* 10.

REJOICE in the Lord alway: and again I ſay, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but

but in every thing by prayer and ſupplication with thankſgiving let your requeſts be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which paſſeth all underſtanding, ſhall keep your hearts and minds through Chriſt Jeſus. Finally, brethren, whatſoever things are true, whatſoever things are honeſt, whatſoever things are juſt, whatſoever things are pure, whatſoever things are lovely, whatſoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praiſe, think on theſe things. Thoſe things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and ſeen in me, do: and the God of peace ſhall be with you.

¶ *The Goſpel.* St. Matthew VII. *Verſe* 24 *to* 28.

THEREFORE whoſoever heareth theſe ſayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wiſe man, which built his houſe upon a rock: And the rain deſcended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that houſe; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth theſe ſayings of mine, and doeth them not, ſhall be likened unto a fooliſh man, which built his houſe upon the ſand: And the rain deſcended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that houſe; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

¶ *Then ſhall follow the* Nicene Creed; *and after that the Sermon.*

¶ *In the Offertory ſhall this Sentence be read:*

LET your light ſo ſhine before men, that they may ſee your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

¶ *After the Prayer* for the whole State of Chriſt's Church, *this Collect following ſhall be uſed:*

" O Almighty Lord, and everlaſting God," *&c.*

" The Peace of God," *&c.*